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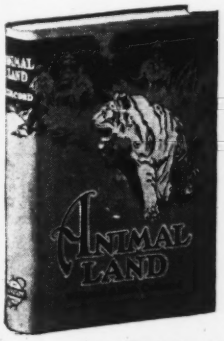


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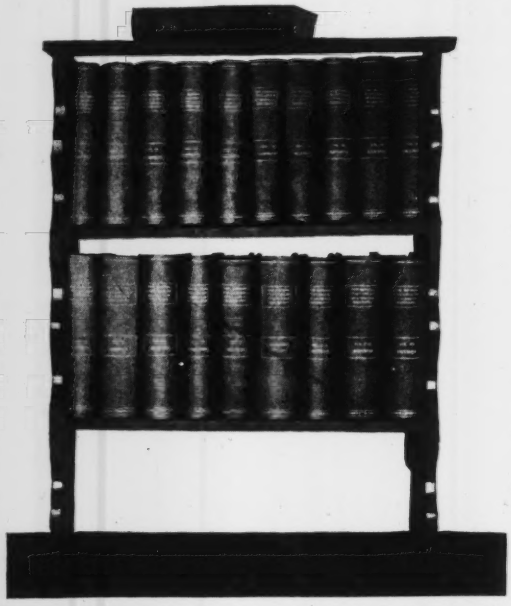

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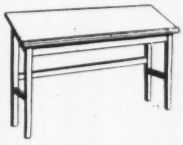

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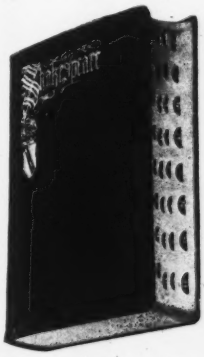

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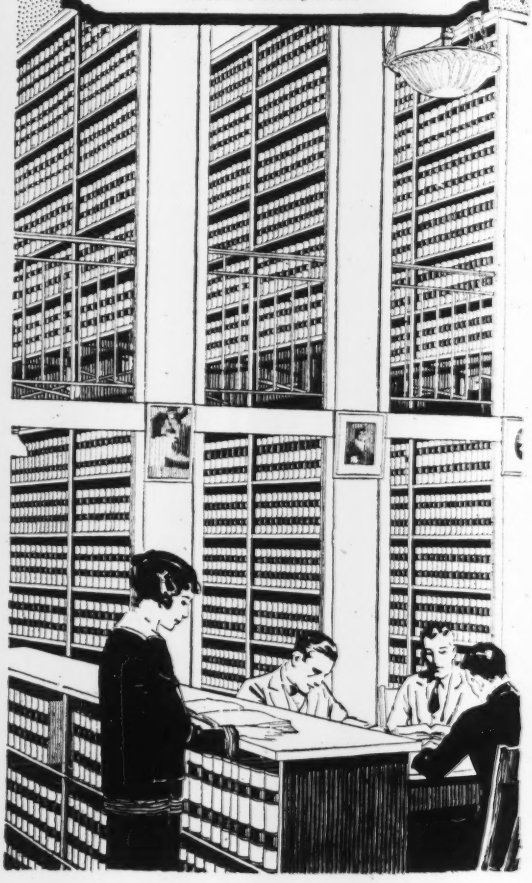

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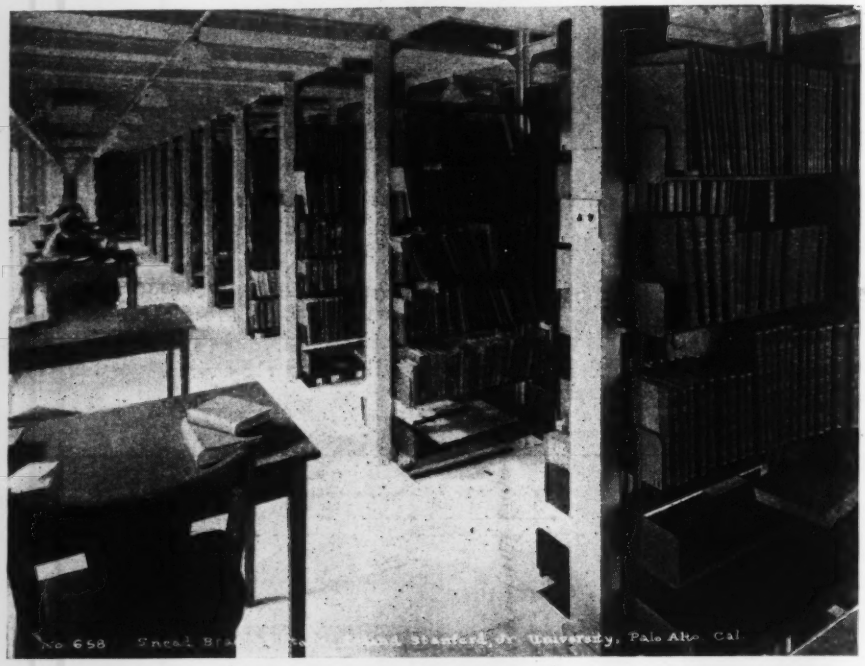


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# Books and the Day's Work

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PERHAPS there is a Chestertonian flavor about the statement that in the day's work of the librarian books play very little part. Yet in a long observation of and association with the library world it seems to me that this statement is true; that while librarians deal constantly and variously with books as working materials they remain singularly immune to books as books. Certainly, books are not to them what science is to the scientist, nor what his special subject is to the worker in the arts or in the professions. Join a group of players, either from the commercial stage or from the community theatre, and you will find that speech hovers constantly about the play—old plays and new plays, successes and failures, examples of dramatic art or points in scenic craftsmanship. To the musician, music is always a living influence, an intimate personal possession. Even in the commercial book world there is a general wider and more professional book familiarity—a more direct sense of personal relationship to books—than in the public library. The spirit of books in the day's work as it has been evoked by Christopher Morley and Edward Newton and Madge Jenison rises from the bookshop and the shelves of the private book-lover. Yet it is in the public library that the spirit of books belongs as a pervading influence more than in any other abiding place. For here are more books, more carefully gleaned, more permanently bestowed, more effectively marshalled, more assiduously tended by a force enlisted for their special service.

In the February issue of *New York Libraries* there is mention of "the basic creed of the true librarian, that books are the choicest and most potent things that the world has to offer." Creeds, we are told, are falling into disuse nowadays. This was the creed of an earlier library day, expressed in the stately eloquence of Mr. Larned, or with the earnestness and charm of Miss Plummer, still to many an inspiring memory and a living faith. It is a creed that is still accepted, but it is enveloped in so many ever-deepening layers of charts, graphs, schedules, statistical tables, questionnaires, intelligence tests, personnel analyses and time-sheets, that librarians seldom dig it up for their own personal spiritual re-invigoration. Our immediate library development is in organization and administration. Statistics are becoming the occupation and the preoccupation of the librarian. How many one-fifths of an assistant shall we estimate as necessary to fill three-fifths of the working hours of two and one-half branches situated within four miles of a fixed point to which we may assign a value of one point five? How many clock hours equal how many class hours in determining the value of a given number of semester hours devoted to the study of books for children? Under the stress of such problems as these there is little energy to spare for the potencies and the charms of literature and the spirit of books dies out of the day's work.

We see this deadening of the cultural and book association aspect of library work in Dr. Williamson's famous report on "Training for Library Service"—which has been an axe laid at the root of the old unpruned umbrageous library school tree, whose branches offered equal shelter to the small and to the large library. In that report attention is concentrated thruout upon scientific and specialized research and administrative opportunity in the field of library service. In its two hundred pages only once is reference made to the librarian's relationship to books as a part of life, and that is on page 133, where it is stated that a well educated librarian of professional training can give aid in the effective use of agricultural pamphlets. And it is this attitude of mind that has found expression in that remarkable recent selection of forty American books considered pre-eminent in the literature of 1924. This selection was made by the American Library Association at the request of the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation of the League of Nations, and the books chosen are those considered most important and representative for inclusion in the world list of six-hundred titles to be published each year under the auspices of the League. Probably most of us are familiar with the American list, which has been widely published in periodicals and the press. I will only remark that in the forty titles

chosen there is just one work of creative imagination and literary distinction, and that an elementary textbook of psychology hobnobs with Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Nevertheless, most librarians are librarians because work with books means to them, or has meant to them, more than any other vocation, or because they had at least once intended or hoped that books should be their magic key to life. It is always beautiful to me to see the wakening to and the delight in the spirit of books that may be brought out among library school students—who, as Henry Adams found the students of Harvard, are perhaps the only part of library education that may be considered a success. You remember, he says of his own students: "He found them excellent company. Cast more or less in the same mould, without violent emotions or sentiment, and except for the veneer of American habits, ignorant of all that man had ever thought or hoped, their minds burst open like flowers at the sunlight of a suggestion. They were quick to respond; plastic to a mould; and incapable of fatigue. Their faith in education was so full of pathos that one dared not ask them what they thought they could do with education when they got it." In the library world, too often, when they have their education and are caught in the press of the day's work, one sees the shadows of the prison-house begin to gather and cloud the spirit, and books become more and more mechanical accessories of routine. In time the chief emotion that books awaken is apparently a faint animosity. There are so many of them in never-ending succession. There is no time for them, yet they must be ordered and reviewed and handled. It is true that in most libraries effort is made to establish a measure of staff acquaintance with new books. Review meetings are recognized as necessary. Books are assigned for review, read and reported on. This is a step toward strengthening the spirit of books in the day's work, but often it loses its effectiveness because it comes simply as an extra task, conscientiously performed to be sure, but unilluminated by any vital spark of enthusiasm or by understanding of books as a form of interpretation of life.

If the spirit of books is to shine thru the day's work, books must be recognized as of sufficient importance to justify library time being spent on them. One of the most injurious maxims ever directed upon a calling is that garbled and oft-quoted sentence of Mark Pattison's, "The librarian who reads is lost." He meant the ancient scholar-bookworm librarian type of the eighteenth century—that traditional figure who is pictured for us perched upon the ladder reaching alcoved shelves, with his spectacles shining and his wig awry, poring over one volume open in his hands, while another reposes under his arm, and a third is clasped between his knees. He may exist in Europe—perhaps in the ancient Library of Melk where the latest Gutenberg Bible was found last year; but he has never been common in America, and he became extinct when Mr. Spofford died. There is no reason to be alarmed over the possibility of developing such bookworms in the modern American public library.

But the effect of Mark Pattison's utterance is still seen in the rigorous care with which reading is eliminated from the librarian's day's work. Why should not some library time be legitimately used to deepen and develop knowledge of books? There are already a few progressive movements in this direction. The allowance of an hour of library time for reading any book assigned for review; and the provision that one-half hour a day may be devoted to reading, are two efforts toward making books a part of the day's work with which I am familiar, and I am confident that as their value is realized more will follow. Surely, the library school graduate who works at the desk in a branch or small library, in hours when public attendance is light, can gain more interest in and fitness for her work by reading the *Saturday Review of Literature*, or the *Bookman*, or the *New York Times Book Review*, or the other literary periodicals, than by the mechanical performance of some "filling in" work of checking or filing, or other automatic occupation of the fingers. I suggest book reviews for this particular purpose, because I know that professionally it is generally believed that a fatal stigma is cast upon a library if any member of the public should ever see a library assistant reading a book within the library. But even if such a public point of view exists, why need it be accepted as valid and unalterable? Why should it not come to be taken for granted that a librarian who reads is reading because it is a suitable and necessary part of her work and is making her more useful and interesting to the seeker after books? To make books most vital and valuable in the library's service some staff time allowed for reading seems to me a necessity. A special staff collection of current books available for home and personal use is a delightful influence, bringing book discussion into what may be called the community life of the library workers. And no one is ever imbued with the spirit of books who does not, or cannot, or will not, talk about books. Until we find that in any group of librarians there arise immediately and irrepressibly spontaneous comparisons and enthusiasms and arguments centering on books and the makers of books, we shall remain handlers of books or administrators of book distribution machinery, but we shall not

be initiates of the great spiritual brotherhood of booklovers.

Of course, the great thing that books do for us is to make living more interesting. The public library stands in a tideway of moving currents of the thoughts and impulses, the knowledge, foolishness, purpose, ideals and experimentings that are making life as the world knows it today. It is no backwater in which we work, flat and stagnant, but a steady, onward flowing stream in which merge the life and thought of the present and the past. At different times it may be shallow or turbid, or sparkling, or safe, or dangerous—but it is never stagnant and it is always interesting. Watching its flow, surrendering to its change and motion, dipping into its varied currents, we come to that familiarity and enjoyment that make us forever immune to boredom. "But don't you get tired of books?" I am often asked. And I would answer in the words of Logan Pearsall Smith: "The other day, depressed in the Underground, I tried to cheer myself by thinking over the joys of our human lot. But there wasn't one of them for which I seemed to care a hang—not Wine, nor Friendship, nor Eating, nor Making Love, nor the consciousness of virtue. Was it worth while then going up in a lift into the world that had nothing less trite to offer? Then I thought of Reading. This was enough, this joy not dulled by Age, this polite and unpunished vice, this selfish, serene, lifelong intoxication."

If the spirit of books lives in the library day's work, every librarian will come within touch of the freshening currents that are ever flowing with pristine vigor into the library tideway. How, for example, can we escape the influence of Keyserling's "Travel Diary of a Philosopher"? It stands second on the *Bookman's* April list of books most in demand in libraries. And that fact alone is proof that the librarian's basic creed still holds. Perhaps it also means that the librarian must be the last person to read it; but is it a foregone conclusion that no librarian buys and owns books? I hope not, because the final test of our surrender to the spirit of books lies in our possession of some of the books that mean most to us, and the worker with books who gathers about him no books of his own is an alien in the kingdom.

Consider for a moment a few of the books that are deepening or vitalizing or energizing the library tideway. "The Travel Diary of a Philosopher" stands among the first in potency, tho that potency will probably diffuse itself slowly and its influence be only gradually perceptible. It may be thought to be only a work for the student or the scholar; but that is not so: its appeal is to any reader who possesses a good intelligent mind and is willing to exercise it. To me, its keynote is given in Emerson's lines on the world-soul:

> For Destiny never swerves
> Nor yields to men the helm,
> He shoots his thought, by hidden nerves,
> Throughout the solid realm.

For the "Travel Diary" is a study and an analysis, intellectually penetrating and sympathetically intuitive, into the spiritual and environmental forces that have moulded man as he exists in the world today. It is a travel record; but wholly subjective. Almost devoid of objective description, yet it leaves on the mind of the reader a curiously vivid and the intimate sense of place, of the imprint that nature stamps on man. It is, of course, the pilgrimage of a philosopher around the world; ever toward the east. He takes us from the Mediterranean thru the Suez Canal, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean to Ceylon, thence to India, thru the Far East—Burma and the Malay Peninsula—to China and Japan, across the Pacific to Hawaii, and thence to America, from San Francisco to New York. Every region where he pauses, sometimes for a few days, sometimes for weeks or months, evokes reflection, analysis, conclusions—not, as in the ordinary book of travel, upon the material aspects of nature or the material characteristics and conditions of living, but upon the souls and minds of the people as manifested in their religion or expressed in their aesthetic and moral culture. It is in his amazing self-identification with any and every manifestation of self-expression that Count Keyserling's great power lies. In understanding and sympathy he is able to transform himself into a Buddhist, a Brahmin, a Hindu, as he lingers among the shrines of Ceylon or shares the devotions of the pilgrims beside the Ganges. He is a Mohammedan as he contemplates the mosques and palaces of Delhi. He is a theosophist during his stay at Adyar, the headquarters of the Theosophical Society. In China he accepts the moral dignity of the Confucian code and reveals to us what the age-old practice of politeness will do to build up nobility of soul. In Japan he discerns the idealism that ennobles the doctrines of Shintoism. All these he sees, with Christianity, as spiritual forces, the "hidden nerves" thru which the world-soul finds expression; and as we look back upon this cumulative exposition we find that its achievement has been to present the beauty and the essential unity of our common humanity, and to offer the assurance of man's ultimate power to know himself.

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These are just hints of the interest and stimuli that are waiting for us in even the least superficially tempting channels of the library tideway—for I have not ventured even a glance at the sunlit waters of poetry, or the smooth lagoons of biography, or the alluring undertow of fiction. It is as we know them, dip into them, and come to love them, that we instill the spirit of books into the day's work, and not for ourselves alone, but for the great public for which the library exists.

And this brings me to two reasons—neither so personal nor so individual—that make a broad, assured and intimate knowledge of books on the part of library workers a present-day necessity to public libraries.

First is the astonishing increase of public interest in books—the ever-growing number of people who want to read or want to know what to read. It is shown not so much in the increase of the books themselves—as a matter of fact, our annual book production in this country is still several thousand volumes below what it was ten years ago—but in the mounting multiplicity of book reviews, book publicity, public book discussion and private book buying. There is a growing improvement in public taste as well, to be observed in the current best seller lists. Of course, the familiar shibboleths are still with us, and probably always will be; but more books of high quality are constantly winning popular success. I have mentioned the "Travel Diary of a Philosopher" as standing second on the April library list of books most in demand. Sandburg's "Lincoln" and the "Papers of Colonel House" both appear in the commercial best sellers list for the same month; and the fact that Reymont's great prose epic, "The Peasants," in four volumes, costing ten dollars for the set, stood among the ten best sellers in the fiction of 1925 (holding that rank in the year's record), is conclusive proof that books of power and beauty are finding today a large audience than ever before. And as public taste and public demand improve and strengthen, the library will need more and more to develop book knowledge and book appreciation in its selection and in its service to readers.

Second, and this is my final and conclusive reason for all that I have tried to set forth, the public library is one of the great agencies in the movement for what we call adult education, that is rising to such proportions and such impetus. Just what the terms means, just how the movement will be developed, we do not yet know; but it certainly represents the intensive cultivation of fields in which the public library has for years sowed the seed and cherished the blade. This intensive cultivation, in its very nature, cannot be too formalized, too mechanized; it must remain a voluntary undertaking and it must imply an individual and personal relationship. Dr. Keppel in his article on adult education in the *Yale Review* for April says: "What nationally we lack the most, as I see it, is the habit—and in most communities the opportunity as well—of consecutive study in some subject for its own sake—history, literature, science, the fine arts, what you will—not to fill the pay envelope, directly or indirectly, but to develop in the student what experience has proved to be one of the most durable satisfactions of human life." Thus we are brought back to the basic creed of the true librarian, the belief "that books are the choicest and most potent things that the world has to offer." Adult education, in its ideal fulfilment, is not simply fact-finding; the supply of information is not essentially the diffusion of knowledge. It implies the use of books for spiritual and intellectual as well as for material and vocational profit—books for mental resource, reading as individual and personal joy. Poetry, drama, novels and pure literature are surely elements in the diffusion, perhaps not of specific knowledge, but of "culture" in Matthew Arnold's sense—"in becoming something rather than in having something, in an inward condition of the mind and spirit, not in an outward set of circumstances." Adult education sets before the public library perfectly realizable ideals, but they cannot be fulfilled until the spirit of books has been made a living influence in the day's work.

# Branch Libraries in Field Houses

A Summary of Practice in Fifteen Cities Investigated by Fourteen Members of the St. Louis Public Library Staff

BRANCH libraries in field houses, while not a recent development in library work, have remained an effectually hidden one in library reports, or so it seemed to the fourteen first assistants in the St. Louis, (Mo.) Public Library when they were assigned the topic for investigation. Back files of *Playground*, *Public Libraries* and the LIBRARY JOURNAL yielded little. Inquiries at the headquarters of the American Library Association and of the Playground and Recreation Association elicited the replies that neither place had any such information on file, but that consultation of reports led them to believe that such branches were being conducted in a list of cities which each submitted. More than half of these cities replied in the negative when appealed to by letter. A fresh series of letters and a questionnaire brought data from fifteen cities in which the public library maintains branch service of some kind in connection with the recreation centers. The result is embodied in the July *Bulletin* of the St. Louis Public Library. The material was compiled and edited by Ruth Robi, librarian of the Sherman Park Branch of that library.

"It is interesting . . . to conjecture why this phase of library work has been ignored by both libraries and recreational agencies," says Miss Robi. "Did the latter feel that they would minimize the importance of their own activities by mentioning in their reports the thriving branch library housed under their roof? And did the libraries feel that discretion was the better part of valor—that not to express themselves in writing on the subject of their field-house branches was a surer way to live in peace and harmony with the other organizations whose quarters they shared?" Such relations, as the testimony of the Chicago Public Library shows, are not always harmonious, and no library of those approached held the opinion that a branch library in a field house is to be preferred to one in its own quarters. A field-house library is not a substitute for a building designed and equipped for library use; but separate buildings are often impossible, and in that case affiliation with some other organizations may be desirable.

A field-house is defined as a community house used thruout the year. It is situated in a park or playground where there are baseball diamonds, tennis courts, play fields, a playground with apparatus for smaller children, and in some cases, golf courses, wading and swimming pools and children's gardens. In the field house itself are usually found a gymnasium, a swimming pool, and rooms where the activities of the center are carried on. These activities in a large field house include folk-dancing, music and singing, weaving and other hand work, sewing classes, pageants and amateur theatricals, social dances, parties and neighborhood gatherings, boxing, wrestling, basketball, and classes and clubs of various kinds. In some cases there is a cafeteria or refectory in the basement. This furnishes another matter for discipline for library branch staffs who do not wish to have food carried into the library.

Fifteen cities having branch libraries in field houses or maintaining branch service of some kind in connection with recreation centers are represented in the report. These are Berkeley, Calif., Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Flint, Mich., Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, Sacramento, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, and South Manchester, Conn. Of these there are only five where a real branch of the public library, not a sub-branch or a station, is operated in what is known as a field house. These cities are Chicago, Cincinnati, Flint, Minneapolis, and St. Louis. Only the Chicago and St. Louis branches are open full time; that is, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

As it happens, these are in the largest and most complete field houses, and the branch libraries are operated on a larger scale than the others. It is also worthy of remark that the St. Louis library is full of enthusiasm for its field house branch, whereas field house libraries are extremely unpopular with everyone concerned in Chicago, except perhaps, Miss Robi remarks, with the public.

The Sherman Park Branch of the St. Louis Public Library was opened last year, and functions exactly like any other branch of the library. It is located in the Sherman Park Community Center, which is said to be the largest community center in the United States. The building was originally built over fifty years ago by the Christian Brothers for a boy's school. It is situated in a park of twenty-six acres, in a populous middle and lower middle-class neighborhood. The library was asked by the Director of Public Welfare to open a branch in this building, he agreeing to furnish equipment, light and heat and janitor service. The library agreed to furnish the books, assistants and strictly library supplies. The library occupies a large bright room, about sixty by ninety feet, on the main floor of the building, but at a considerable distance from the main entrance. There is a separate office for the librarian which is also used for a staff room.

Since the library is directly underneath the gymnasium and there is no covering on the cement floor, there is considerable noise, but since the building is so far within the park that no street noises can be heard, there is practically only a substitution of one kind of noise for another. A refreshment stand in the basement, open all summer, is responsible for odors all day long and is the cause of much food being brought into the library.

The library is used by practically all the workers in the building, relations are friendly, and there is a constant demand for books in their various lines of work. The issue of books for the year has been 121,015, of which sixty per cent was juvenile. The branch opened with a collection of 2764 books, which was increased in one year to 7157, and of these 4167 were adult. Fifty-nine magazines are received for issue and reference. The staff consists of a librarian, a children's librarian, a classified general assistant for three-quarters time (increased to full time at the end of the year) and a full-time shelver, supplemented by an extra shelver during the rush hours after school and in the evening. The branch has had greater use and a much larger issue than any of the branches located in schools, altho it has been operating but one year, and the school branches have been operating four years. It is used not only by the people of the neighborhood, but also by a large percentage of those who come to the Community Center from every part of St. Louis. Many women who come to the various classes say that they have never before had time to go to any library as there was never one near their home.

The physical features of the library make discipline difficult. The size of the room, with the desk in one corner, is a handicap, and there are fifteen large pillars at regular intervals. Gangs congregated in the large lobby sometimes become unruly. The branch now has its own guard in addition to the guard provided in the evening by the Park Department. There are two large signs at either end of the park announcing the presence of the Community Center, but these contain no mention of the branch library. The library has erected a small sign at the central entrance to the park.

Chicago has more (nineteen) and larger field house libraries than any other city. They are all in small parks, as distinguished from playgrounds, piers, etc. The small parks are a feature of the city's recreational agencies and are administered by Park Boards or Commissions which are independent bodies, not part of the city government, with their own tax rates, employees and territorial jurisdictions. The public library has branches in all sizes of small parks, from Ogden with its sixty acres to Shedd, which has little over one acre. The park branches are all one-room branches. There are no staff rooms or work-room except such as can be arranged by making alcoves of book cases. The size of rooms varies from six hundred to over three thousand square feet, the majority being between one and two thousand square feet. Furniture and fixtures, including cork or linoleum floor-covering, are all supplied by the park commissions. It is, however, difficult to get any additional or special furniture after the first installation. The attitude of the various park commissions varies considerably in this respect, as does the interest in the library manifested by the employees in the various departments of the field houses, which ranges from indifference to active co-operation. The library believes that the proper location of branches is a strong factor in their usefulness, and that the economic advantage of the park house branch does not compensate for the inconvenience of location, the inadequacy of the rooms, and the nervous strain imposed on the staff. "The theory that the local library branch should be included with other social and recreational activities not only for the sake of economy but also as a happy combination of all public cultural agencies under one roof, is a plausible one and dies hard." The sixteen branches in rented quarters and separate buildings, on or near a main travelled street, report an aggregate circulation of 3,878,654 volumes as against 2,373,905 volumes issued in all of the branches in parks and other "free" quarters. The St. Louis investigator, Miss Hayes, found in her personal survey of the Chicago field house branches that the general sentiment of the staff seemed to be that the place for a field house branch is in the foreign neighborhoods. Interest in the other activities of the center is expected to overcome the natural diffidence of the foreign child as well as his parents, and the library thus introduced to him is assimilated along with the rest of the organization. The steady growth of the field house branches leaves Miss Hayes "almost convinced that Chicago is utilizing in these branches an effective agency for the distribution of library resources."

Turning now to the other cities: The North Berkeley Branch of the Berkeley Public Library is in a house used only slightly by the playground department, the main interest of the supervisors being in the outdoor work carried on in the park. The work of the branch has been reasonably successful, altho the juvenile use has been somewhat disappointing. Grant Branch in Cincinnati has a collection of four thousand books, of which slightly more than half are juvenile, and the average juvenile issue in a month is 75 per cent. Much confusion is caused by noise, and discipline is difficult. The library has one room with a separate work-room.

and a separate entrance which helps to preserve the library atmosphere. It furnishes furniture, janitor service, heat and light. It is managed on an entirely separate basis from the playground and has proved very successful. In Cincinnati there is more independence possible in a branch of this type than there is in one in a school building. The Denver Public Library finds in most cases that a separate branch quite independent of community workers is far more harmonious and satisfactory. It is the hope and desire of the library that its stations may develop into independent branches in the future. It has three branches in parks where playground activities are carried on, but the buildings are in no way connected with the playgrounds or the field houses. One sub-branch occupies part of a community house. Detroit has three sub-branches in field houses, open three afternoons and two evenings each week. The rooms are all used for other purposes, and the books are kept in glass cases which can be locked. The collections vary in size from fifteen hundred to ten thousand. It is difficult to attract adults to these field house branches.

Berston Branch, the only field house branch in Flint, is a large and busy branch. It occupies a room about sixty feet square on the second floor. The work is sixty-six per cent juvenile. The problem of discipline is no worse here than at the regular branches. It is the librarian's opinion that the principal reason for the success of the branch is its convenient location and the need of library facilities in the district served. The Library spent $3,000 in furnishing the library room, as the Park Board did not have the money to do it. Janitor service, heat and light are supplied by the Park Board. Harmonious relations have existed from the beginning with the Park Board and the other agencies in the building, and the only difficulty experienced was in regard to janitor service.

Los Angeles feels that the library must undergo too many inconveniences and difficulties in adjusting itself to playground activities, and that divided authority, inasmuch as it affects janitor service, supervision of the building, etc., is a decided disadvantage. The library has three sub-branches in field houses situated in parks or playgrounds. The library room is used for other activities than library work. The use of the room is scheduled, the library having certain days and hours, and the hours vary. It has no other equipment than desk and chair, no office or work room, and the lighting is poor. In Milwaukee the type of building considered is not a regular field house, but a city-owned building devoted to civic center work, in a Jewish community, with a small playground attached. Discipline calls for a certain amount of attention.

In Minneapolis there is the pleasantest of relations between the library and the Park Department, and the greatest enthusiasm for the two branch libraries established in field houses. Camden Park Branch occupies a beautiful room on the second floor of a field house erected by a citizen in memory of his son. It is, however, located on the extreme edge of town, surrounded by a large park area, the neighborhood is not thickly settled, and altho it was established in 1910, the library still has a small circulation, amounting to 44,800 volumes in 1924. The expenses of the building are borne entirely by the Park Board, the library paying only for books and library assistants. There are 5,000 books shelved permanently at the branch, which adds about 400 volumes a year. The Logan Park Branch occupies one wing of the field house on the ground floor. The library paid one-fourth of the cost of the building, accepting a ninety-nine year lease instead of a joint title. The library board pays one-fourth of all expenses, including heat, light, janitor service, repairs, and janitorial supplies. This amounted to $650 in 1924, and represents the lowest rental that the library could possibly get anywhere. It serves a large foreign community mainly of Poles and Russians, in an industrial district with many large manufacturing plants. The circulation last year from the collection of six thousand books was 64,000, of which 25,250 were children's books.

The librarian of the South Nashville Branch Library is engaged by the Park Board as playground supervisor and after library hours is active on the playground. In her capacity as librarian, she is under the jurisdiction of the Carnegie Library of Nashville. The library is open every day, including Sundays. The adult issue averages about eight hundred volumes a month, the juvenile issue overtopping that by a thousand, and there are about four thousand volumes in the collection. The branch established by the Sacramento Public Library in the McKinley Park Clubhouse is open every afternoon and is patronized for the most part by children. The St. Paul Public Library station in the field house in the Margaret Street Playground is open but one afternoon a week. In March 1926 it circulated 1136 books, of which 373 were adult. The room is poorly ventilated and is used for other purposes. Miss Sprague of Salt Lake City believes that the future extension of branch library work in field houses is excellent for children, negligible for adults. The public library established a branch library in 1918 in Neighborhood House.

The West Side Branch of the Manchester Public Library is really a sub-branch in charge of an assistant sent out from the main library. The library occupies a large room on the ground

floor at the rear of the building, reached thru the main assembly room only. The branch contains 1517 books, the larger part of them juvenile, and circulated 5041 books in 1924, of which 58 per cent were juvenile books. The room is very noisy.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dayton, Ohio, and Kansas City, Mo., have had field houses in the past. Three deposit stations were started in field houses in Pittsburgh in 1909 and discontinued in 1915, due to a heavy cut in the library appropriation at that time. The work was entirely for children. A branch, opened in 1915 in Kansas City, was devoted entirely to work with negroes in the Garrison Square Field House. The population of the district, however, changed rapidly from negro to Italian, and in 1923 this branch was moved to the Lincoln High School in the heart of the colored district. The Dayton Public Library has had branches in five community or field houses for periods of from one to five years. Of these, only one was a success, but the closing of the community house in which it was located necessarily forced the library to close. The other branches mentioned were closed by the library because results did not justify continuance. Dayton finds book-wagon service much more effective than branches or stations in field houses or settlements.

The advantages derived from the co-operative effort of field house and library seem to be chiefly economic. Miss Hayes itemizes them in the following order: Direct saving of building-investment or rent, as the case may be; direct saving of physical upkeep, heat, light and janitor service; the possibility of a branch service where a separate branch building often would not be available thru lack of funds; the providing of a very good temporary branch in districts which may so change their character as to make a separate branch building not feasible; providing a medium of library distribution at the minimum of expenditure, i.e., the cost of staff and books; and contact, with a group which might not seek the library as a separate institution. The disadvantages have been indicated in the previous summaries of reports. As Chicago says, "Changes in administrative personnel, as well as in the immediate staff of workers in the center, necessitate unending effort at building up co-operation and mutual teamwork." Noise, confusion, and unruly elements are constant factors. Use of the room for other than library activities automatically excludes all extension of library work or hours, and carries with it the necessity of putting away all books and library tools each day under lock and key. The other obvious disadvantages, such as unsatisfactory janitor service over which the library has no control, lack of co-operation with the Park Department and with the field house authorities, would apply equally well to a branch library in a school building and are not necessarily peculiar to one in a community house, the report concludes.

## International Directory of Research Facilities Proposed

THE International Institute for Intellectual Co-operation, which has been entrusted by the League of Nations with the task of preparing and establishing an international system of co-operation on matters scientific, literary and artistic, is trying to ascertain which libraries in the various countries are equipped to furnish documentation in any branch of study, that is, what libraries have secured "the services of experts, who possess a scientific knowledge of the resources confided to them, and whose duty it is to give the most comprehensive replies to all demands for information."

The Institute proposes to publish a comprehensive classified list of such libraries, a list of which, it is hoped, new editions will be called for at short intervals as existing organizations, hitherto functioning merely as book depots, become, in many cases with but slight modification, centres for research and reference.

In this connection the Institute has already secured information from many instutions; but it is felt that many libraries which have not been addressed are, thru their specialties, in a position to furnish information on local history, geography, and other matters. Such libraries are asked to answer the following questions:

Is your library organized as a research centre?

If so, is it specialized, and on what subject or subjects?

Of what nature are the documents at your disposal? Are they simply of a bibliographical nature or copies, or photographs of the original texts?

Is the work undertaken gratuitously, or for a remuneration

Do you authorize us to publish this information?

If you have not yet organized such a research, do you hope to be able to do so in the future, and in what branch of science do you intend to specialize? What obstacles do you anticipate having to contend with? By what means and in what way can we help you to overcome them?

Answers should be addressed to the Director International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, 2 rue de Montpensier, Paris.

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Libraries intending to purchase Maspero "Manual of Egyptian Archaeology," 6th edition, 1926, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, will like to know that it is merely a reprint of the 6th English edition of 1913 and contains no new matter.

CLARA VAN SANT.

# The Copyright Controversy

## Reply of the Authors' League of America to Dr. Raney

"COPYRIGHT creeps an inch," says Dr. Raney, and immediately takes measures to prevent its creeping further. Speaking as Chairman of the Book Buying Committee of the American Library Association, in the April 1, and August, 1926, issues of the LIBRARY JOURNAL, he attacks the Vestal Copyright Revision Bill H.R. 10434, and in so doing, indulges in the following spectacular utterances:

> "The Authors' League let the chance of a generation slip thru its fingers when, at the instance of middlemen, it abandons the great measure of the Copyright Office introduced by Mr. Perkins (H.R. 5841), and sets up a commercial pact in its stead. The authors are an awkward lot at trading . . . the League has been swapped out of its clothes, as usual . . . starting their campaign on a bargain with the printers just set the publishers going and then the whole kennel was ayelp. . . . The authors have made an inglorious peace with the publishers and printers."

It is not possible for the Authors' League to answer Dr. Raney in his own vernacular. It must content itself with pointing out that Dr. Raney's general attack upon the Vestal Bill is due entirely to his disappointment at the wording of the importation section. It is clear to all disinterested persons that Dr. Raney is not fighting for a principle—not now. The principle he claims to fight for, is already established by the Vestal Bill. What the librarians want is liberty to buy foreign books at foreign prices, and the bill gives them that liberty. Have the librarians of the country studied the Vestal Bill (in this particular it requires little study) or are they taking Dr. Raney's word for what he says. Sec. 30 of the Vestal Bill very clearly provides that the American publisher must supply the copy demanded at the foreign price. This means he must furnish what the librarian wants at the same cost as the foreign article. The Doctor makes much of the fact that under the bill, inquiry as to whether there is an American edition seems necessary. As a matter of fact, this technical requirement disappears into thin air. If any librarian in the United States wants any book in the world, at its lowest price, all he need do is to apply to any one of the large wholesale book handling houses, order his book, and get it. Is it so much more onerous to place an order in New York City than in Canada, or in London, or in Berlin? The Vestal Bill not only simplifies the purchase of books, but it gives the librarian what he wants at the price he wants it, and gives the United States the benefit of the trade. Let the individual librarian study Sec. 30 of the Vestal Bill and realize just what it means. Let him also understand that Sec. 30 is a compromise by the publishers and the labor interests with the librarians, establishing in principle just what the librarians desired to establish.

Except as a citizen, Dr. Raney is hardly interested in any other section of the bill. He speaks, however, on behalf of 110,000,000 people, according to his own admission, having taken the great American public under his wing. To his direct attack upon the Authors' League, the "awkward lot," "swapped out of its clothes," part of the "whole kennel" that was "ayelp," it is only necessary to point out that the members of the Authors' League are perfectly familiar with trade customs and conditions, know what is and what is not practical and practicable, understand markets, and are well versed in their own relations with those who buy their wares. The Authors' League has consistently endorsed the principles of the Perkins Bill, and those principles are reiterated in the Vestal Bill. The changes made in the Vestal Bill are such changes as make the whole measure a workable piece of legislation. No claim is made that it is an artistic creation. The author of the Perkins Bill (Mr. Solberg) has conceded before the Patents Committee that the Vestal Bill is clear, and the intention of the changes unmistakable. The Authors' League held one hundred and fifty conferences with various groups in order to make these changes. Has any librarian spent ten minutes upon a study of Sec. 30 of the bill? Does any librarian know what Sec. 30 says, or what it means? It is somewhat unfortunate to find that, after conceding the principle that the librarians fought for the League, the labor interests and the publishers find that the enmity of the librarians is now invoked by Dr. Raney to prevent the passage of a bill that is generally supported. The opposition to the Perkins Bill last year was almost unanimous. This year the support of the Vestal Bill is general. Evidently Dr. Raney believes that a copyright bill is intended for some purpose other than to promote the creative arts. Support of the creative arts in this country, as in others, depends upon legislation which will most nearly parallel the present trade customs as they are today observed between the best business houses on the one hand, and the most prominent creators on the other. For the benefit of the rank and file, the Vestal Bill crystalizes these customs into law.

The Vestal Bill is a sincere attempt to help, not to retard or to confuse.

Vituperation and anathema may be sensationally interesting, but as obstructive measures in this instance, they should generally be discouraged.

WILLIAM H. OSBORNE, *Chairman,*
*Copyright Committee, Authors' League of America.*

# The Atlantic City Conference

THE forty-eighth annual conference of the American Library Association, in connection with which will also meet the American Library Institute, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Bibliographical Society of America, the League of Library Commissions, the National Association of State Libraries and the Special Libraries Association, will be held in Atlantic City and Philadelphia October 4-9. This week contains the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Library Association, October 6, and meetings commemorative of that event will be held in Philadelphia.

Headquarters of the A. L. A. will be at the Ambassador; the Chelsea, which adjoins, will be headquarters for thte S. L. A. and the N. A. S. I.

In contrast to that of recent conferences this year's program provides, as a rule, for but one meeting of each of the groups taking part and the sessions scheduled total little over thirty. Minor changes in the programs will be made but the schedule of meetings on page 728 and the programs outlined below are substantially correct.

## A. L. A. General Sessions, Council, Sections and Round Tables

### GENERAL SESSIONS

*First Session, Monday, October* 4, 8:30 *p.m.*

Greetings—Governor Harry A. Moore of New Jersey,
Response—President Charles F. D. Belden, Public Library, Boston, Mass.
Introduction of foreign delegates.
Reception.

*Second Session, Tuesday, October* 5, 9:30 *a.m.*

Commitee reports and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.
Children's library work—Arthur E. Bostwick, St. Louis Public Library.
School library service—Joy E. Morgan, editor, *Journal of the N. E. A.*, Washington, D. C.
College and university libraries—Donald B. Gilchrist, University of Rochester Library.
Library trustees—J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., Boston Athenæum.

*Third Session, Tuesday, October* 5, 8:30 *p.m.*

Topics of international interest.
Henry Guppy, president, British Library Association, The John Rylands Library, Manchester, England.
Thor Andersen, University Library, Oslo, Norway.
Other speakers.

*Anniversary Session Wednesday, October* 6, 10:30 *or* 11:00 *a.m.*
(at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia)

R. R. Bowker, editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL.
Melvil Dewey, Lake Placid Club, New York.

*Fourth Session, Thursday, Oct.* 7, 8:30 *p.m.*

Topics of International Interest.

*Fifth Session, Friday, October* 8, 9:30 *a.m.*.

League of Library Commissions—M. J. Ferguson, State Library, Sacramento, Calif., president.
American Association of Law Libraries—Sumner Y. Wheeler, Essex County Law Library, Salem, Mass., president.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARY AT PHILADELPHIA WILL ENTERTAIN THE CONFERENCE

National Association of State Libraries.

The Special Libraries Association: Its origin, what it has accomplished, and what it aims to do—D. N. Handy, Insurance Association of Boston, president.

*Sixth Session, Friday, October 8, 8:30 p.m.*

Business: Report of tellers of election; Resoluions; Introduction of new officials.

President's address: Looking into the future—Charles F. D. Belden.

## COUNCIL

The Council meetings, Monday morning, October 4, and Friday afternoon, October 8, will include the following topics:

The library and adult education—Recommendations of the Commission on the Library and Adult Education for a permanent Commission.

Minimum standards for curricula in school libraries—Recommendations of the Board of Education for Librarianship.

Library extension—Recommendations of the Library Extension Committee for the continuance of activities by the Committee and at A. L. A. Headquarters.

Recommendation of Dr. M. L. Raney, chairman of the Committee on Book Buying: Resolved, That the A. L. A. Bulletin be expanded into a complete journal of discussion, adequate, under competent editorial direction, to accommodate the major contributions from the profession and give its committee studies regular presentation.

Resolution from the Committee on Classification of Library Personnel regarding the position of the librarian of Congress.

## AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

Chairman, Lucy M. Lewis, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis; secretary, Mary G. Lacy, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

*Thursday, October 7, 9:30 a.m.*

Reports on the co-operative projects undertaken by the agricultural libraries. Discussion of additional problems and projects to be undertaken in the near future.

Present trends in agricultural library work.

## CATALOG SECTION

Chairman, Mary E. Hyde, Simmons College, School of Library Science; secretary, Linn R. Blanchard, Princeton University Library, Princeton, N. J.

*Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.*

Reports of committees, election of officers, and other business.

Looking backward:

Classification, 1876-1926—Ernest C. Richardson, Princeton University Library, Princeton, N. J.

Cataloging, 1876-1926—Charles Martel, Library of Congress.

Looking forward:

The future of cataloging (an informal talk)—Margaret Mann, Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

There will be on display thruout the conference a selected exhibit on special points of interest to catalogers.

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION

Chairman, Nina C. Brotherton, Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh; secretary, Ruth Anne Overman, St. Louis Public Library.

*Monday, October 4, 2:30 p.m.*

Children's libraries in European countries.

Presentation of the John Newbery Medal.

Business meeting.

## COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

Chairman, H. B. Van Hoesen, Princeton University Library; secretary, James A. McMillen, Washington University Library, St. Louis.

*Monday, October 4, 2:30 p.m.*

Theory and practice of inter-library loan in American libraries—Malcolm O. Young, Princeton University Library.

Inter-library loan in Great Britain—Walter Powell, Public Library, Birmingham.

Inter-library loan in continental Europe—A. G. Drachmann, Copenhagen University Library.

General criticism of present systems—Asa Don Dickinson, University of Pennsylvania Library.

Inter-library loan in the large public library—Gilbert O. Ward, Cleveland Public Library.

A VISIT TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Inter-library loan for small public and for county libraries—Sarah Askew, New Jersey Public Library Commission, Trenton.

Inter-library loan from the point of view of the lending library—F. W. Ashley, Library of Congress; Walter B. Briggs, Harvard University Library.

Inter-library loan from the point of view of the non-lending library—H. M. Lydenberg, New York Public Library.

General discussion and summary—J. C. M. Hanson, University of Chicago Libraries; Margaret Huchins, Illinois University Library.

The chairman has copies of Mr. Young's paper which he will gladly mail to anyone interested in reading it in advance with a view to discussing it.

## LENDING SECTION

Chairman, Margery Doud, Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a.m.*

"The spirit of '76"—Forrest B. Spaulding, Gaylord Brothers, Syracuse, N. Y.

International understanding thru poetry—Alice R. Eaton, Public Library, Harrisburg, Pa.

THE PROVIDENCE (R. I.) PUBLIC LIBRARY SHOWS AT THE A. L. A. BOOTH AT THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION A SERIES OF ART OBJECTS, PLACING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE COMPLETED DESIGN, THE BOOK IN THE LIBRARY WHICH "INSPIRED" IT.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SECTION

Chairman, Charles H. Compton, St. Louis Public Library; secretary, Alice G. Higgins, Public Library, New York City.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a.m.*

General subject: Specialized training. What are the needs and how can the library profession provide training for special and new fields?

Training for library work for children—Effie L. Power, Cleveland Public Library.

Essentials in the training of school librarians—Harriet A. Wood, Library Division, Minnesota Department of Education, St. Paul.

Correspondence schools; their possibilities and limitations—Azariah S. Root, Oberlin College Library.

The contribution of the library school to Negro education—Florence R. Curtis, Hampton Institute Library School, Hampton, Va.

The education of the library school instructor—C. C. Williamson, Columbia University Library.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION

Chairman, Mildred Pope, Girard College Library, Philadelphia, Pa.; secretary, Sylvia Oakley, South Bend High School, South Bend, Ind.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a.m.*

A symposium on state supervision of school libraries—Della Frances Northey, Indiana; Lois Shortess, Michigan; Harriet A. Wood, Minnesota; Nell Unger, New York; Estella Slaven, Ohio; Adeline Zachert, Pennsylania; M. H. Jackson, Wisconsin.

*Friday, October* 8, 2:30 *p.m.*

Organization and problems of school libraries.

The platoon school library—Marion Lovis, Detroit Public Schools.

The junior high school library—Evelyn Smith, Latimer Junior High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The effect of the Dalton plan on the organization of school libraries.

The school librarian's staff—Agnes Cowing, De Witt Clinton High School Library, New York City.

Organiztion and work of student assistants—Jerusha Meigs, New York City.

Business meeting: Secretary's report; Committee reports; Election of officers.

## TRAINING CLASS SECTION

Chairman, Marie A. Newberry, Toledo Public Library, Ohio; secretary, Louise Singley, Kalamazoo Public Library.

*Friday, October* 8, 2:30 *p.m.*

The place of library work with children in the training class course—Carrie E. Scott, Indianapolis Public Library.

A scheme for regional apprentice classes—Flora B. Roberts, Kalamazoo Public Library.

## TRUSTEES SECTION

Chairman, Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia Free Library; secretary, Sarah Budd, New Jersey Public Library Commission, Trenton.

*Monday, October* 4, 2:30 *p.m.*

Standards of excellence for trustees of large libraries—Speaker to be announced. Discussion by Mary Elizabeth Wood, Boone Uniersity Library, Wuchang, China.

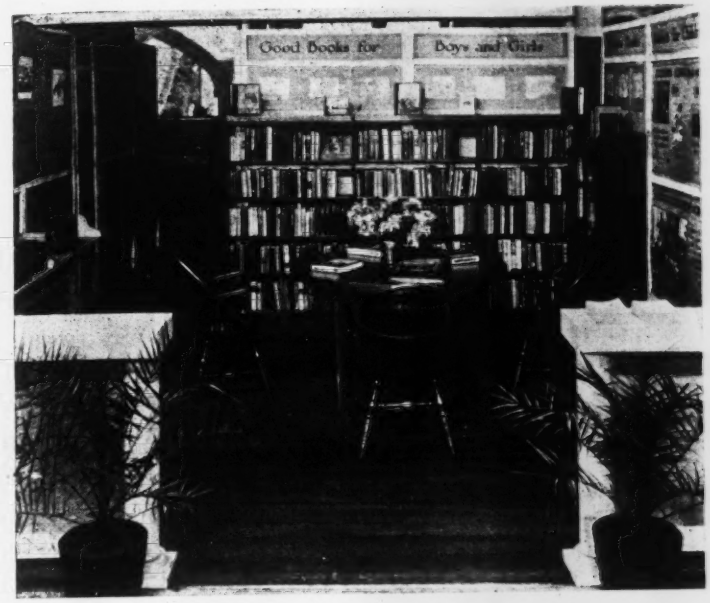
Standards of excellence for trustees of small libraries—J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., Boston Athenaeum. Discussion by Anna M. Bancroft, Massachusetts Public Library Commission.

Is the trustee or the librarian responsible for bad books, if they do get into the library?—Grinnell Willis, Public Library, Morristown, N. J.

What librarians consider the duty of a trustee—Arthur E. Bostwick, St. Louis Public Library.

## ART REFERENCE

Chairman, Antoinette Douglas, Art Department, St.




THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY SECTION AT THE A. L. A. SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT IS FITTED WITH THE STANDARD FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT OF A MODEL CHILDREN'S ROOM AND THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN SELECTED WITH ESPECIAL CARE.

Louis Public Library; secretary, Ruth Wilcox, Cleveland Public Library.

*Tuesday, October* 5, 2:30 *p.m.*

Art work in the small library—discussion led by Earl W. Browning, Peoria (Ill.) Public Library.

The Frick Art Reference Library of New York City—Ethelwyn Manning, librarian.

The library needs of a little theatre—Mrs. Frederick W. Wappatt, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

## COUNTY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

Chairman, Adelene J. Pratt, Burlington County Free Library, Mt. Holly, N. J.

*Friday, October* 8, 2:30 *p. m.*

Rural book service in the British Isles—Miss A. S. Cooke, Kent County Library, Maidstone.

Triple alliance in education—Mrs. A. H. Reeve, President National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Address—Judge Harold G. Wells, Bordentown, N. J.

Topics for general discussion:

Budgets—Mary Barmby, Alameda County Free Library, Oakland, Calif.

County libraries and public schools—Della F. Northey, Indiana Library and Historical Department, Indianapolis.

Community representaties and their service—Ruth Underwood, Harris County Public Library, Houston, Tex.

Community co-operation with the county library—Elinor E. Randall, Monmouth County Free Library, Freehold, N. J.

## HOSPITAL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

Chairman, Peerrie Jones, St. Paul Public Library.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a. m.*

The Warren Library at Massachusetts General Hospital—Elizabeth Reed, Warren Library, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

The child in the hospital—Pauline E. Tartre, Extension Department, Bangor (Me.) Public Library.

The mental patient and the library—Mrs. M. P. D. Miller, U. S. Veterans Bureau Hospital 78, North Little Rock, Ark.

Ten minute talks and discussions in charge of E. Kathleen Jones, Division of Public Libraries, Boston; Who pays for lost books; "TB" service, its problems; Training courses for hospital librarians.

## LIBRARY BUILDINGS ROUND TABLE

Chairman, Chalmers Hadley, Cincinnati Public Library

*Tuesday, October* 5, 2:30 *p. m.*

The past, a brief presentation of principles in library planning which fifty years of experience have proven fallacious — William F. Yust, Rochester (N. Y.) Public Library.

The present, suggestions in library planning, and arrangement which represent effective work and economical administration—Judson T. Jenniings, Seattle Public Library.

The future, the trend in planning which seems to forecast the library's response to future requirements—Samuel H. Ranck, Public Library, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## ORDER AND BOOK SELECTION

Chairman, Rosalie Mumford, Detroit Public Library.

*Monday, October* 4, 2:30 *p.m.*

Order department dogmatisms—Asa Don Dickinson, University of Pennsylvania Library, Philadelphia.

Buying books for public libraries in Europe—Carl L. Cannon, Public Library, New York City.

Recent translations of foreign fiction—Jennie M. Flexner, Louisville Free Public Library.

Budgeting the branch book fund—Bessie Sargent Smith, Cleveland Public Library.

Budgeting the branch juvenile fund—Elizabeth Knapp, Detroit Public Library.

How the order department can help the branches—May Wood Wigginton, Denver Public Library.

## PERIODICALS

Chairman, I. Charlotte Campbell, St. Paul Public Library.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a.m.*

Future of periodical work: the periodical's coming value in all phases of interest—Carolyn F. Ulrich, Public Library, New York City.

Problems involved in making periodical indexes—Edith M. Phelps, H. W. Wilson Company.

Discussion: Methods of recording periodicals; Problems connected with periodical binding.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Chairman, Carl Vitz, Public Library, Toledo, Ohio.

*Thursday, October* 7, 9:30 *a.m.*

The development of public documents, 1876-1926—James I. Wyer, State Library, Albany, N. Y.

The future of United States public documents—Alton P. Tisdel, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Popular use of public documents—Mrs. Jessie Woodford Lyman, formerly of the Documents Division, Chicago Public Library.

Response by Mr. Tisdel to questions from representatives of various types of libraries.

## RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Chairman, Frank G. Lewis, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.; secretary, Clara W. Herbert, Public Library of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

*Thursday, October 7, 0:30 a.m.*

Promoting the use of religious books in a public library—Elima A. Foster, Cleveland Public Library.

Open conference for all interested.

Fifty selected religious books published during the past year will be exhibited.

## SMALL LIBRARIES

Chairman, Margaret Jackson, Public Library, Chatham, N. J., secretary, Helena S. LeFevre, Thrall Library, Middletown, N. Y.

*Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.*

What professional training is desirable for librarians of smaller libraries, and what is obtainable?

The library worker speaks—Constance Bement, Extension Division, Michigan State Library, Lansing.

Regional training classes—Charles E. Rush, Indianapolis.

Tentative personnel standards for librarians of small libraries—Herbert S. Hirshberg, Ohio State Library.

Needs and opportunities—Sarah C. N. Bogle, A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship.

At 3:30 the group will divide into three sections to meet simultaneously. There will be ten-minute talks followed by general discussion.

1. Libraries with a circulation of less than 20,000.
   Books for the small library—Emily V. D. Miller, A.L.A. Editor, Chicago.
   Attractive non-fiction which ought to be kept live—Mary Eastwood, New York State Library.
   Harmless, necessary romance.
   Books for boys and girls in the small library—Alice Jordan, Boston Public Library.
2. Libraries with a circulation of 20-50,000.
   Books and service—Martha Wilson, Lincoln Library, Springfield, Ill.
   Inexpensive series and editions—Elva L. Bascom, Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh.
   Aids—Zaidee Brown, The H. W. Wilson Company, New York City.
   Work with foreigners—Edna Phillips, Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries, Boston.
3. Libraries with a circulation of 50-150,000.
   Periodicals for the small library—Carolyn F. Ulrich, New York Public Library.
   Business administration and trade journals—Ethel Cleland, Business Branch, Indianapolis Public Library.
   Technical journals—Frank K. Walter, University of Minnesota.
   Discussion by F. W. Faxon of Boston; Herbert W. Fison of Malden, Mass.; Ethel Shields, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y.; Edith M. Phelps, H. W. Wilson Company; Laura A. Eales, Bridgeport, Conn.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EXTENSION SERVICE

Chairman, Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, N. C.

*Tuesday, October 5, 12:30 p.m.*

Luncheon meeting.

University library extension service as a factor in the problem of adult education—Edith Thomas, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

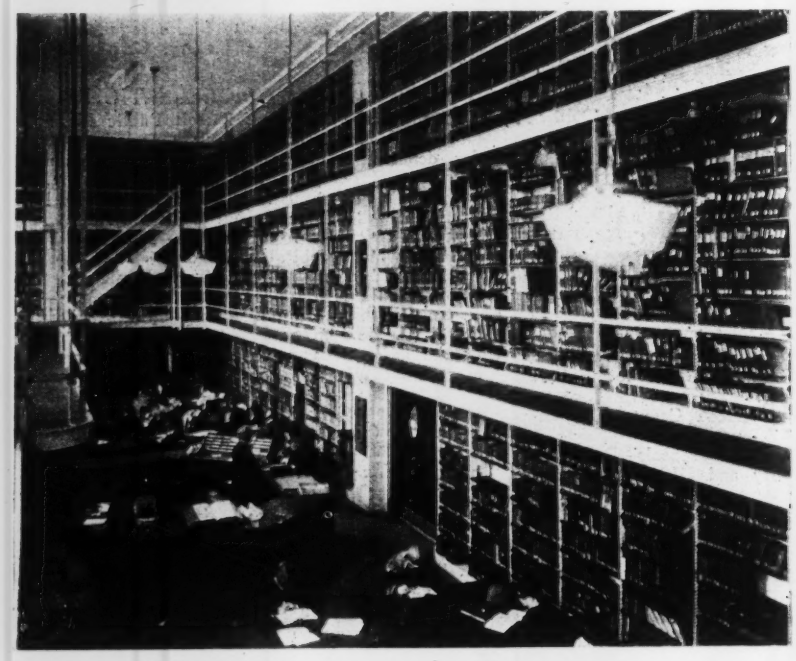
The essential partnership of university extension teaching and the library in the field of adult education—Professor W. H. Lighty, President, National University Extension Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Discussion—Led by W. O. Carson, Department of Education, Toronto, Ontario.

*Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.*

Round table discussion of administrative problems in package library service—Almere Scott, University of Wisconsin, Madison, presiding.

The package library service—its problems and possibilities — George



THE EXTENSIVE MARIA HOSMER PENNIMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IS HOUSED IN BENNETT HALL, THE HOME OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

W. Eutsler, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
Library extension work in West Virginia—Mrs. Eleanor E. Knutti, West Virginia University, Morgantown.
Staff organization—Le Noir Dimmitt, University of Texas, Austin.
Exhibit.

## WORK WITH THE FOREIGN BORN

Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor E. Ledbetter, Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Friday, October 8, 2:30 p.m.*

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

President, Sumner Y. Wheeler, Essex County Law Library, Salem, Mass.; secretary, Lucile Vernon, Association of the Bar, New York City.

*Monday, October 4, 2:30 p.m.*

English laws of conveyancing—Renald Belt, Beverly, England.
Revised Statutes of New York—John T. Fitzpatrick, State Library, Albany, N. Y.
Law libraries as the source of the study of history and sociology—Margaret C. Kingelsmith, Biddle Law Library, Philadelphia, Pa.
Co-operation among law librarians in reference to current local material—Howard L. Stebbins, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass.

*Thursday, October 7, 9:30 a.m.*

Informal talk—T. J. Cole, Statute Law Book Co., Washington, D. C. Round table discussion.
Paper—George E. Wire, Worcester County Law Library, Worcester, Mass.
Reports of Committees; Election of officers.

## LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

President, Milton J. Ferguson, California State Library, Sacramento; secretary, Clara F. Baldwin, State Dept. of Education, St. Paul

*Tuesday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.*

Business Session.

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

President, Daniel N. Handy, Insurance Library Association, Boston, Mass.; secretary, Gertrude D. Peterkin, American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Co., New York City.

*Monday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.*
*Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.*
*Thursday, October 7, 9:30 p.m.*

Business Session.
Address of retiring President: What the future hold for S. L. A.?—Daniel N. Handy.
Reports.
Special libraries and librarians and expositions — Margaret Reynolds, First National Bank of Milwaukee.
General Session.
Theme: The need and value of a national clearing house of information.
Advertising research and information—Paul T. Cherington, J. Walter Thompson Co., New York City.
Facts as a basis of research: How to get them—J. W. Hayes, Crowell Publishing Company, New York City.
Group meetings: Adertising-commercial-industrial; financial; newspaper; technology.
General Session.
Theme: The special library as a center and distributor of information.
A real clearing house of information—Ward Gaett, R. L. Polk & Co.
Musings of a library customer—Edward L. Kopf, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York.
Group meetings: Financial; newspaper.
Dinner meeting at Penn Athletic Club.
Greetings—President Handy.
Aims of the newspaper group—William Alcott, Boston *Globe* Library.
Collecting information.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES

President, Con P. Cronin, Arizona State Library, Phoenix; secretary, Herbert S. Hirshberg, Ohio State Library, Columbus.

*Tuesday, October 5, 1:30 p.m.*

Address of welcome—Thomas Lynch Montgomery, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia.
Response—Luther E. Hewitt, The Law Association of Philadelphia.
Remarks by the President.
The study of history—F. Dumont Smith, American Bar Association, Hutchinson, Kansas.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARY'S THOUSAND BEST BOOKS ALCOVE ESTABLISHED THRU AN ANONYMOUS GIFT TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN THE WORLD'S BEST LITERATURE.

Morning sessions at 9:30, afternoon sessions at 2:30, evening sessions at 8:30 with such exceptions as are specifically noted below.

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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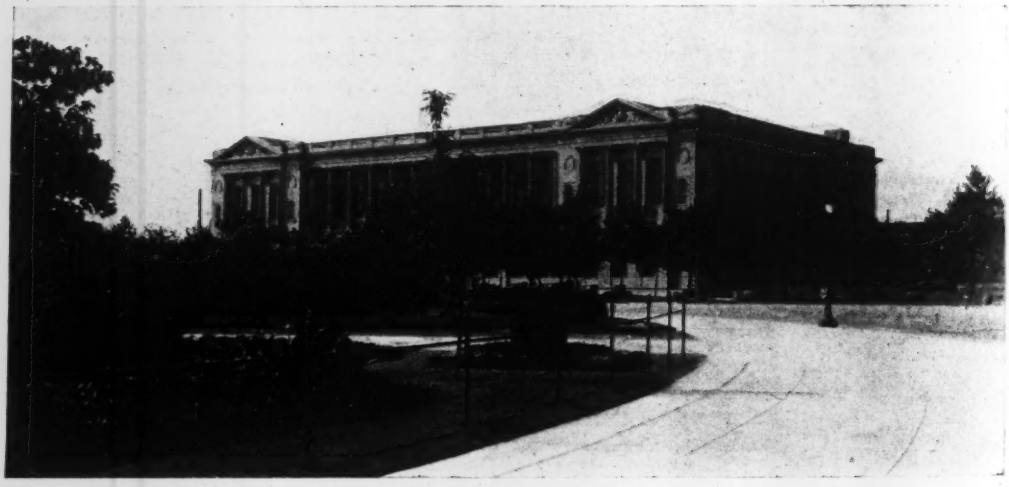
| Saturday Oct. 2 | | | Executive Board, 8:00 |
| Monday Oct. 4 | Council<br>Ohio Library Association<br>Special Libraries Association | American Association Law Libraries<br>Children's Librarians Section<br>College and Reference Section<br>Order and Book Selection Round Table<br>Special Libraries Association<br>Trustees Section | First general session<br>Reception |
| Tuesday Oct. 5 | Second general session | Art Reference Round Table<br>Bibliographical Society of America<br>Catalog Section<br>League of Library Commissions<br>Library Buildings Round Table<br>National Association of State Libraries, 1:30<br>Small Libraries Round Table<br>Special Libraries Association<br>University Library Extension Service | Third general session (International) |
| Wednesday Oct. 6 | Anniversary session at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, 10:30 or 11:00 | Luncheon at University of Pennsylvania<br>Reception at Historical Society of Pennsylvania | Dinner Meetings |
| Thursday Oct. 7 | American Association of Law Libraries<br>Hospital Libraries Round Table<br>Lending Section. National Association of State Libraries, 10:00<br>Periodical Round Table<br>Professional Training Section<br>Public Documents Round Table<br>Religious Books Round Table<br>School Libraries Section<br>Special Libraries Association | Luncheon Meetings<br>Hospital Ls. Committee—Luncheon Meeting, 1:00 | Fourth general session (International) |
| Friday Oct. 8 | Fifth general session | Council<br>Agricultural Libraries Section<br>County Libraries Round Table<br>School Libraries Section<br>Training Class Section<br>Work with Foreign Born | American Library Institute dinner<br>Sixth general session |
| Saturday Oct. 9 | Sightseeing in Philadelphia<br>Trip to Princeton<br>Executive Board, 10:00 | | |



THE PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEW BUILDING ON LOGAN SQUARE IS ALMOST COMPLETED.

SEMINARY LIBRARY ROOM AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

The building of a library of foreign law—F. B. Crossley, Elbert H. Gary Library of Law, Chicago.

The history of the National Association of State Libraries from its conception and first meeting down to the present time, by an original member—J. M. Hitt, Washington State Library, Olympia.

*Thursday, October 7, 10 a.m.*

The growth of the medical department of one state library—Johnson Brigham, Iowa State Library, Des Moines.

Memorial address to the memory of Mrs. Jessie Palmer Webber, former president of the Association—George S. Godard, State Library, Hartford, Conn.

Reports.

## BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

President, Azariah S. Root, Oberlin College Library; secretary, A. H. Shearer, Grosvenor Library, Buffalo.

*Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.*

American bibliography in the past century.

Summary of American achievements in the bibliography of public documents—James B. Childs, Library of Congress

American achievement in the published bibliography of American literature—Isadore G. Mudge, Columbia University Library.

American contributions to the bibliography of English literature—Minnie E. Sears, H. W. Wilson Co., New York City.

American achievements in the bibliography of United States history—Augustus H. Shearer, Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y.

American achievements in the bibliography of western travel and exploration—M. M. Quaife.

## Wanted: American Library Publications

THE Scuola per i Bibliotecari ed Archivisti Paleografi, the recent establishment of which at the University at Florence we have already announced, is trying to build up a library and museum in connection with the school, to illustrate for the students methods followed in various countries.

Reports of American libraries, samples of forms and routines, and bibliographies are greatly needed by the museum in order that American practice and activities may be fully represented, and such material, as well as books dealing with library science and bibliography, will be used to the best advantage.

The director of the school is Professor L. Schiaparelli, professor of Latin Paleography at Florence, while Professor C. Battisti, librarian of the Faculty of Philosophy and Philology at Florence, is in charge of the courses in library science.

Donations should be addressed to the: Scuola per i Bibliotecari ed Archivisti Paleografi, Universita' degli Studi, Florence, Italy, and may be forwarded by the International Exchange of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., or directly by mail.

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The New York Library Club is preparing a "Guide to Typical Libraries of New York and Brooklyn" for the information of foreign librarians coming to this country for the A. L. A. Conference in October. Other visiting librarians may obtain copies of the "Guide" either at the Conference headquarters at Atlantic City or at the following New York libraries: New York Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Pratt Institute Free Library, Columbia University Library, New York University Library.

# Public Library Administration in the United States 1918 - 1925

A Partial Bibliography, Edited by Five Library School Students: Letha Marion Davidson, Wisconsin, 1923; Alberta Louise Brown, Wisconsin, 1923; Karl Brown, Albany, 1925; David J. Haykin, Albany, 1925; and Lester D. Condit, Albany, 1926

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE (CON.)

#### Vacations, Sick-Leave, Holidays

Leave of absence with pay at Grand Rapids. Lib. Jour. 47:714. Sept. 1, 1922.

Length of vacations. *Mass. Lib. Club Bull.* 12:16. Jan. 1922.

Library workers' sick leaves. Lib. Jour. 50:1035. Dec. 15, 1925.
Conclusions of the A.L.A. Committee on the Classification of Library Personnel.

Ranck, S. H. Welfare of librarians. *Pub. Libs.* 25:127-130. March 1920.
Discusses salaries and tenure of positions; hours of service, vacations, half-holidays, and sick leave on pay; health of librarians; outlines policy of A.L.A.

Vacation time. *Pub. Libs.* 30:364. July 1925.
Editorial.

Williams-Choate, Dr. Cora. Reading the indicator. *Pub. Libs.* 22:268-273. July 1917.
Same article in *Iowa Lib. Quar.* 7:193-198. Jan. 1916. Valuable sections on vacations, salaries, assistants, work hours, and trustees.

Grand Rapids, Mich. 1920-21:49.
Unclassed staff members receive half-holidays; frequency depends on length of service.

——1922-23:48-49.
Senior assistants and above with 5 years' service given 3 months additional vacation for travel or study once in 5 years with pay.

Manchester, N. H. 1920:18.
4 weeks' vacation; sick leave given.

St. Louis, Mo. 1922-23:73-75.
Staff physician discusses sick leave; chart of sickness and season.

——1923-24:77-78.
Staff averages less than 5½ days sickness; chart as above; list of diseases and days absent.

Tacoma, Wash. 1922:21.
Janitors given month vacation.

#### Salaries

Are librarians getting a square deal? *Wis. Lib. Bull.* 16:29-30. March 1920.

Better salaries for librarians. *N. Y. Libs.* 6:120-1. Nov. 1918.

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Statistical tables helpful as models for similar reports.

Bowker, R. R. Library service: with respect to salaries, organizations and civil service control. Lib. Jour. 44:627-632. Oct. 1919.

Budgets and salaries in different cities. Lib. Jour. 43:875. Dec. 1918.
Material for a campaign.

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The report of the salaries committee of the Detroit meeting of the A.L.A.

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Compiled from answers received from a questionnaire sent out by the Illinois University Library School to its former students.

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Account of Cincinnati's recent changes.

Initial salaries of library school graduates. Lib. Jour. 46:699. Sept. 1, 1920.
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Kaiser, John B. Neglected phase of the salary question. Lib. Jour. 45:111-116. Feb. 1-Feb. 15, 1920.
A reaction to the pension problem.

Kobetich, Mary. School and library statistics. *A.L.A. Bull.* 18:59-74. March 1924.
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New York considers adopting the system.

Library schools and library workers. *School and Society.* 7:700-701. June 15, 1918.

Meager salaries. *Pub. Libs.* 24:11-12. Jan. 1919.
Ratings out of date; arguments still valuable.

Minimum salaries. *A.L.A. Bull.* 17:1920. Jan. 1923.
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Pope, M. H. An easy job? Lib. Jour. 48:165-166. Feb. 15, 1921.
Comparison of librarians and teachers and a plea for equality in salaries.

Question of library salaries. *Lib. Occ.* 5:243-244. Oct. 1919.

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A discussion of salaries and hours.

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Relation of salaries to income. *Lib. Occ.* 5:3. Jan. 1918.

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Report of progress: Pratt Institute. *Pub. Libs.* 28:39-41. Jan. 1923.
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Sterling, Thomas. Reclassification: What good will it do librarians? *Pub. Libs.* 28:62-64. Feb. 1923.
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Salary standards of assistants being gradually raised.

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Art librarian jointly supported by library and art association.

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Beginning salary still too low.

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Grant 20% bonus to majority of staff members, 1922.

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Salary schedule revised; table.

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—— 1922:22.
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Story of gift.

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# THE LIBRARY JOURNAL

TWICE-A-MONTH SEPTEMBER 1, 1926

FIFTY years ago this September there appeared the first issue of the LIBRARY JOURNAL, whose three promoters had also in the preceding spring set the ball rolling for the formation of a national association. On the title page of V. 1, No. 1 were given the names of twenty-one associate editors, a chain extending across the continent from Boston to San Francisco, who were also active in the actual organization of the American Library Association, the first conference of which occurred in the succeeding month. Of these only one has survived the half century, Charles Evans, then librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library. With the exception of the years during and immediately after the residence abroad of the present writer, the LIBRARY JOURNAL has been under the same editorial direction thruout the fifty years, Mr. Dewey sharing the responsibility in the few earlier years. The work has been thruout a labor of love for which the sufficient remuneration has been dutiful service to a great and growing cause in public education of national spirit and international association, and happy relationship with a profession whose men and women share the highest ideals and whose personal friendship is in itself a reward. It cannot be long before the editorial responsibility must pass into other hands; but it is to be hoped that the spirit of the founders associated in the first half century of the LIBRARY JOURNAL and the American Library Association may survive thruout years of ever broadening and bettering influence for half centuries and whole centuries to come.

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THE sessions of the American Library Association conference and of the sections and affiliated organizations at Atlantic City and Philadelphia have now been outlined, so as to cover the very wide grounds which the annual conference now involves, and it is satisfactory in view of that busy week in October that the summer heat will then have passed. The international character of the semi-centenary conference will be emphasized on Monday evening in the greetings and receptions to foreign representatives and two international sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the first presided over by Herbert Putnam as National Librarian, and the second by R. R. Bowker as one of the original founders of the A. L. A., as also by the character of the papers of other general sessions which will present to foreign as well as American auditors the distinctive features of each department of work on the part of the affiliated organizations as well as the Association itself. On Wednesday morning the commemorative session will be held at Philadelphia on the exact date, October 6th, when fifty years before the American Library Association came into official being. At this meeting, in the Drexel Institute Auditorium, there will be addresses by two of the veterans who with Frederick Leypoldt initiated the call for the first conference. At one of the international sessions President Guppy of the British Association will also be one of the speakers and the presence with him of a large delegation from the mother country will mark the return of the visits of American librarians to England in 1877 when the Library Association of the United Kingdom was organized thru their inspiration and co-operation and in 1897, in which latter year a company of a hundred made a memorable visit. The roll of the other foreign representatives increases, and in every respect the semi-centenary conference will prove of international importance. It is to be hoped that no American librarian who can possibly be present will fail to take advantage of this semi-centenary opportunity for enlightenment and for international comity.

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SO long ago as 1879 an important enterprise in medical bibliography was initiated by Frederick Leypoldt who obtained for the Index Medicus the co-operation as editors of Dr. John S. Billings and Dr. Robert Fletcher foremost in the field of medical bibliography. After Mr. Leypoldt's death the Index Medicus was continued as a professional help by a firm of manufacturing chemists and with the exception of a few years' gap has been continuously published, until of late years it has been taken up by the Carnegie Institution at Washington, which is the best evidence of the public usefulness of the enterprise. It is interesting to note that at the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Medical Library Association at Ann Arbor the subject of

co-operative medical bibliography was re-opened in large vision in the paper by Nathan Van Patten, librarian of Queens University, Kingston, Canada, in an interesting paper summarized in our July number. While this paper stresses the value of a union catalog of medical literature inclusive of periodicals, which might run to eight million cards and cost $650,000, involving adequate housing with an existing medical library and a system of inter-library loans, Mr. Van Patten did not fail to make practical suggestions for immediate work in the present bibliographical field of physicians and librarians alike. Mr. Van Patten also emphasizes the need of a library school dealing with the problems and terminology of medical literature. Coincidently Columbia University has brought into closer association with it the College of Physicians and Surgeons and has started the development of the great library school which may well consider later a third year specializing in medical librarianship; and the Academy of Medicine has obtained from Canada in connection with its new library building which opens next month at Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street, the services of Dr. Archibald Malloch, a foremost medical bibliographer, and will doubtless work in harmony with other agencies for medical library development. The Medical Library Association is the most important library organization which has no relations with the American Library Association and it is to be hoped that in this semi-centenary year it may become an affiliated organization and thus cooperate in forming a complete and comprehensive national library system.

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PHILADELPHIA as the birthplace of the of the American Library Association, has reason to remember two notable figures who were already well-known librarians in 1876. Lloyd P. Smith—after the "Big Three," Winsor, Cutter and Poole—was perhaps the foremost figure of that first company, noteworthy within the library field as a social leader, happily genial and everywhere popular. During the Philadelphia conference many of his social duties were deputized to George A. Abbott, then a young assistant in the Philadelphia Library Company, and for this reason Mr. Abbott was only occasionally in attendance at conference sessions and thus was not enrolled on the 1876 roster. A relic of those days is an interesting autograph list entered by the delegation in the guest book of the host organization which should, if practicable, be made part of the historical collections of the A. L. A. The other notable Philadelphia figure was John Edmands, librarian of Mercantile Library Company, an associate of Dr. Poole of Yale, in the preparation of the precursor of Poole's Index, who became the dean of the library profession and until his death in 1915, fifteen years after completion of forty-five years of service, was one of the few recipients of Carnegie library pensions. To these men the library profession in those early days owed much.

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AND now Turkey joins the library procession, if a recent cablegram is to be accepted as authoritative. The Turkish government at Angora is establishing a national library at that capital and is taking steps to consolidate existing libraries thruout the republic. In library circles little if anything is known of libraries in Turkey but the statement is made that eighty-one scattered libraries in Turkey proper are to be consolidated into twenty-one and that the one hundred and sixty in Asia Minor are to be concentrated into sixty-two. Reading rooms will be supplied with the laws and the reports of the several ministeries, but it is to be hoped that these "dry as dust" documents which marked the foundation of the Spanish official libraries in Latin America will not be the only *pabulum* for readers. It is certainly a sign of enlightenment and progress that the Turkish Ministry of Education announces that it has decided to use this means of bringing the Turkish people into the light of modern knowledge, as is done in other countries.

## The Open Round Table

### "LIBRARY DAY" v. "CARNEGIE DAY"

*To the Editor of the* LIBRARY JOURNAL:

May I suggest thru your column the changing of 'Library Day' to 'Carnegie Day' in appreciation of the interest in and generosity to libraries shown by Mr. Carnegie. It may not be well known to the general public that his generosity is still active as is shown by the recent gift of the Carnegie Corporation of four million dollars to library activities in the United States.

I would suggest that the day be observed November 25th, the date of Mr. Carnegie's birth.

To quote: from the LIBRARY JOURNAL of June 1, 1926: "There is no question that the enviable position which the public library has obtained is due, more than to any other single factor, to the vision of Mr. Carnegie and to his unique record of generosity in this field."

This sugestion has met with favorable endorsement from Mr. Charles F. D. Belden, president of the A.L.A., and it is at his suggestion that I am writing you.

JESSAMINE WARD, *Librarian.*
*Plumb Memorial Library, Shelton, Conn.*

# Among Librarians

Margery Bedinger, 1919 New York State, who has been librarian of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point for five years, has resigned to accept the librarianship of the New Mexico State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Marjorie A. Brown, 1924-25 New York State, has resigned as assistant at the Hackley Public Library, Muskegon, Mich., to join the cataloging staff at the University of Michigan Library.

Mary B. Brewster, 1918 New York State, head of the Order Section of the New York State Library, has been granted a year's leave of absence and has gone to the American Library in Paris as a member of the Reference Department staff.

Carl L. Cannon, chief of the acquisition division, Reference Department of the New York Public Library, has now, in addition to the work of that division, charge of the book order office of the Circulation Department, a post held since 1905 by the late Le Roy Jeffers.

Edith Beebe Carhart, librarian of the Bellingham (Wash.) City Library has compiled a "History of Bellingham" which is published by the Argonaut Press of that city. The compilation is an outcome of the demand common in public libraries for information as to the early history of the community, and Miss Carhart has done her community a service by selecting from local newspaper articles, city directories, and books of local history articles giving everything from population statistics to personal pioneer experiences. The final chapter is a tribute to the work of Katherine M. Ryan, for thirty years librarian of what was first called Sehome, then New Whatcom, then Whatcom, and finally Bellingham, the only city in the United States honored with two Carnegie libraries, both of which institutions were for many years in charge of Mrs. Ryan.

Winifred Fehrenkamp, since 1924 librarian of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., has been appointed librarian of the Avery Architectural Library of Columbia University. Miss Fehrenkamp, who from 1912 to 1914 was librarian of the Ricker Library of Architecture at the University of Illinois, has made a special study of the history of architecture, and in connection with her interest in this field has studied and travelled abroad. The Avery Architectural Library, founded in 1890 as a research and reference library of architecture and the allied arts, particularly in their historic and artistic rather than in their constructive and mechanical aspects, now contains about 28,000 volumes, forming probably the largest collection in this field ever accumulated.

John Forsythe, librarian of the British Columbia Provincial Library at Victoria, has resigned and is about to open a second hand book store in that city. He is succeeded by John Hosie.

Adelaide Gladden, recently announced as head of the reference department of the Cossitt Library, Memphis, Tenn., is to be in the circulation department of that library. The position of assistant librarian and head of the reference department for some years past has been held by Jennie L. Davis.

Edna L. Goss, head of the catalog department of the University of Minnesota Library, has been granted a year's leave of absence to take a position in the catalog department at the University of California. During her absence, Jessie L. Arms, classifier, will be acting head of the department.

Wilhelmina Harper, supervisor of children's work for the Kern County Library, California, has made a selection for young folks of "Fillmore Folk Tales," from Parker Fillmore's "Mighty Mikko" and "The Laughing Prince," which with illustrations by Jay van Everen is published by Harcourt, Brace and Co. This book has been chosen by the H. R. Huntting Company as the first of series of fairy tales printed for the company on good paper with large print, an edition especially adapted for library use. Another selection by Miss Harper is about to appear also in this library series: it is a selection from the Blue Fairy Book.

Virginia C. Heston, librarian of the Crookston (Minn.) Public Library, went to the Washington State Library, August 1, to take charge of the Travelling libraries of that state, succeeding Myrtle Funkhouser, who is to spend some time in advanced library study.

Le Roy Jeffers, for over twenty-one years manager of the book order office of the Circulation Department of the New York Public Library, was instantly killed by the falling of an airplane in which he was a passenger at Wawona, Calif., on July 25. Mr. Jeffers, who was forty-eight years old, was widely known as a mountaineer, and as a writer and lecturer on mountain-climbing, travel, the national parks, and the conservation of natural resources. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the librarian of the American Alpine Club, and a member of numerous other organizations and clubs of similar interests, including the Explorers and the Canadian Alpine. He contributed articles and

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SYRACUSE, N. Y. and STOCKTON, CAL.

reviews to many magazines and newspapers, and in 1922 published a book entitled "The Call of the Mountains."

Alice L. Jewett, 1914 New York State, has resigned as general assistant to the A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship to go to the Larchmont (N. Y.) Public Library as librarian.

Lucile Kelling, 1919 New York State, has joined the faculty of the Library School of the Public Library of Los Angeles, Cal., as instructor in reference and book selection.

Gertrude H. Kingsbury, 1924 New York State, has resigned as reference librarian at the Public Library, Roanoke, Va., to join the staff of the New York State Library.

Anna Lenschow, 1923 New York State, has resigned her position in the preparation division of the New York Public Library to join the cataloging staff at the University of Cincinnati.

Charles F. McCombs, 1913 New York State, has been granted a three-months' leave of absence from the New York Public Library and will give the course in American Bibliography at the Paris Library School.

Edna G. Moore, 1915-16 New York State, organizer of public libraries for the Library Extension Division of the University of the State of New York, has resigned to accept the librarianship of the Public Library at Duluth, Minn.

Henrietta R. Palmer, who is a former librarian of Bryn Mawr College and of the New Jersey Historical Society, and was later with the Brooklyn Public Library, has founded the Purdy Press at 158 East Thirty-fourth Street, New York City, and announces for immediate publication "In Dixie Land," being stories of the Reconstruction era by southern writers with illustrations by J. C. McAfee.

Edith M. Pomeroy, who has been a member of the staff of the Pratt Institute Free Library for thirty-four years, holding the position of head of the Order Department and in charge of schedules, died on August fifth. "Her loss to the Library seems irreparable," writes Edward F. Stevens, the librarian.

Lulu Ruth Reed, 1919 New York State, who has been teaching at the Chautauqua Summer Library School joins the faculty of the Library School of the Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga. this fall.

Carl B. Roden, librarian of the Chicago Public Library, has been elected president of the Chicago Literary Club, an organization founded in 1874, and of which Dr. William F. Poole, first librarian of the same library, was president in 1879-80.

Elizabeth Satterthwaite, who has been for nine years librarian of the Olympia (Wash.) Public Library, resigns September 1 to be married.

Ruth S. Smith, 1919 New York State, cataloger at the Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn., since 1920, has resigned to accept a similar position at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

Elizabeth M. Trumbull, of the Yale University Library, who has had experience in the Wellesley College Library, the Ryerson Library, and the Brookline Public Library, and has been with the Yale University Library for the past six years, for the last three years as librarian of the School of Fine Arts, has joined the staff of the American Library in Paris.

Blanche V. Watts, 1910-11 New York State, has been appointed librarian of the Public Library of Ravenna, Ohio, and supervisor of the High School Library.

George G. Wire, librarian of the Worcester County (Mass.) Law Library, began his acquaintance with library work fifty years ago when he entered the Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library as a boy in June, 1876. The study of medicine occupied some of the following years leading to the M.D. degree in 1883, but since 1885 when Dr. Wire became assistant librarian of Northwestern University library work has had all his time and the posts he has held include that of classifier and cataloger of the Northwestern University Medical School library and of the Ohio Board of Health library. He has held the librarianship of the Worcester County Law Library since 1898, a post for which he had fitted himself by reading for the Kent College LL.B. degree in 1895.

To conclude the list of appointments and members of the graduating class of the Library School of the New York Public Library: Helen Comfort has been made librarian of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina at Clinton, S. C.

The following list of appointments of New York State Library School students supplements lists which have appeared recently in the LIBRARY JOURNAL.

Heath Babcock, first assistant, order section, New York State Library; James Brewster, acting head, order section, New York State Library; Fanny F. Eitel, librarian, Carnegie Library, North Bessemer, Pa.; Margaret V. Hoag, librarian Central Park and McKinley High Schools, Schenectady, N. Y.; Margaret H. Johnson, head of circulation department, University of Florida, Gainesville; Mary E. Wheatley, cataloger, Oberlin College Library; Rachel Woodworth, librarian, Elmira (N. Y.) Free Academy; Elizabeth Wright, head cataloger, Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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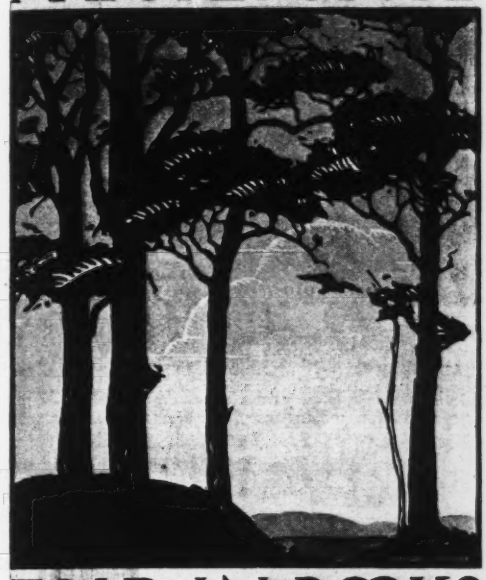

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# Library Book Outlook

THE most interesting non-fiction book of the past month, tho perhaps not the most important, is doubtless "Lord" George Sanger's Seventy Years a Showman (Dutton, $2). Of this book, which was originally issued in a cheap popular edition and which has long been out-of-print, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch says: "It is a real document of the Victorian Age's underside—of its enjoyments, ranging from Chartist riots and penny-gaffs up to Astley's Theatre."

Other biographical works of interest include Benjamin Disraeli, by Sir Edward Clarke (Macmillan, $3.25), which narrates the romance of this distinguished English statesman's life and political career from 1804 to 1881; Julia Marlowe, by Charles Edward Russell (Appleton, $5), an account of the life and art of this noted Shakespearian actress; An Artist's Life in London and Paris, 1870-1925, by A. Ludovici (Minton-Balch, $3.75), adequately characterized by its title; The Life of William Godwin, by Ford K. Brown (Dutton, $6), shedding new light on the author of "Political Justice," who was a great figure, even apart from his intimacy with the Shelleys, Wordsworth, and others; and More Uncensored Recollections (Harper, $3.50), in which the anonymous English author of "Uncensored Recollections" again lifts the curtain that hangs before the private lives of the great.

Of new travel-books the most important is probably A Mirror to France, by Ford Madox Ford (914.4, A. & C. Boni, $2.50), a book of impressions of a life passed very largely in France under the influence of the French arts and the French populace. The other travel-books of note are: An Amateur in Africa, by C. Lestock Reid (916, Adelphi, $5), a volume of illustrated sketches of African travel, extending from Cairo to the Cape; Twenty Years in Borneo, by Charles Bruce (919.1, Stokes, $4), an illustrated record of observations by a student of human nature; East and West of Hellespont, by Z. Duckett Ferriman (910, Houghton-Mifflin, $5), narrating an Englishman's travels during fifty years; Walks and Climbs in the White Mountains, by Karl P. Harrington (917.42, Yale Univ. Pr., $2.50), an illustrated guide, written by the Supervisor of Trails, Appalachian Mountain Club; and Northwestern France, by Findlay Muirhead (914.4, Macmillan, $4.80), in the Blue Guides series.

There are two interesting books on American history. The Romance of the Boundaries, by John T. Faris (973, Harper, $6), tells the story of the struggles and disputes incidental to the fixing of the frontier as the United States extended westward. Soldiers of the Plains, by C. E. Byrne (978, Minton-Balch, $2.50), is a history of the Indian wars in the 60's and 70's, and in particular of the Custer disaster.

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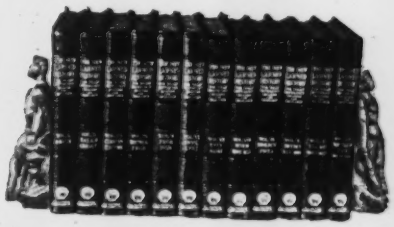

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## New York

THERE has always been an insistent demand upon the officers of the New York Special Libraries Association to help individual librarians in securing positions in special libraries, and a scheme recently adopted permits librarians seeking positions to apply for such assistance in person or by mailing a filled information blank. These Personal Information Blanks are filed at the Municipal Reference Library, 512 Municipal Building. From the establishment of the undertaking on November 1, 1925 to July 31, 1926 (a period of nine months), one hundred and eight librarians have registered with the Committee. It might be noted here that thirteen persons registered with the Employment Committee secured new positions on their own initiative or thru some other agency and withdrew their registration.

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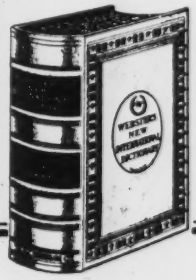

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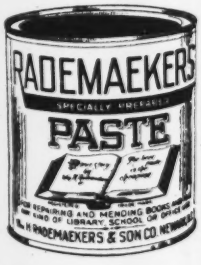


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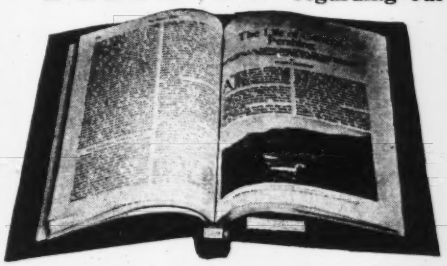

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